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WILLING TO HEAR GERMANY. That there is a disposition among of them, to learn what the terms are under which Germany would agree to peace, is by no means surprising and it does not by any means indicate that they are willing to jump at the first proffer by the enemy, or that there is not just as firm a determination on their part to continue the war until their opportunity to dictate the

terms of peace comes.

There is furnished, however, a chance to hear what the central powers are demanding and what they are willing to concede in order to have the frightful war brought to a close, and by the chance which is thus given to study the proposition of the enemy there will be provided the occasion for again setting forth counter propositions of a statement showing what the attitude of the entente powers is both as to the present conditions and the prospects, whether or not there is the prospects, whether or not there is the purpose of the at-

By hearing the appeal of the cenbetter frame their answer, and set forth their position, without making it simply a blanket refusal, and without being left in the dark as to what Germany actually proposes to do to secure peace. To hear Germany's plea will not indicate any weakness on - their part. It will commit them to nothing but it will permit them to show through a restatement of their stand that they are united, and as Bonar Law says, will insist upon getting reparation and security in the fu-

CORN GROWING CONTESTS.

What can be done in the way of encouraging boys to become more deeply interested in agriculture, and there-fore in retaining them on the farm, by making it apparent to them that there are still large possibilities in that line of endeavor, is demonstrated by the awarding of the prizes in boys corn growing contests throughout the

The results are invariably of the same character regardless of the state which the clubs are organized, and that is that they show that corn growing can be made much more profitable county in the state of Pennsylvania here has just been a distribution of frizes and it is shown that the three boys having the largest yields produced 101.2, 96.8 and 94.3 bushels per acre. Just what this means can be gathered from the fact that the average yield of corn in the United States is but 26 bushels to the acre. Pennsylvania, however, averages better than that with 38 bushels to the acre and the particular county in which this conshows better what can be done when the proper attention is applied to it than this very contest in which the three winners more than doubled the number of bushels of corn raised or an acre by the average farmer.

These boys have therefore given their eiders something to think about. But in addition there is a lesson to very section of the country for if that particular country's farms can e made to double in production it is vertain that like results can be ob tained elsewhere. Nothing will create a greater interest in farming than the coal trust. such accomplishments. They set ar example that is worth following.

CANNOT DODGE THE FACTS.

The change in the foreign secretary of the German cabinet has not brought about any different attitude telative to the submarine warfare. There has been no reform noted and there has been shown no new disposition to re-spect the promises which have been made to neutrals, and particularly this country, that warning will be given before merchantmen are sunk and the

Dr. Zimmermann, the foreign secre- | peal.

tary, attempts to hide behind the point that if there has been any failure to keep the promises, it has not been done as a matter of policy, when he says "no German submarine has in-tentionally attacked a merchant ship without warning and without siving all on board ample time and opportu-

That may be the German explana-tion of the continued slaking of liners and freight vessels and he might have included in his statement "unless they were mistaken for enemy transports" but that does not free them from the suspicion that they are firstmaking sure that the vessels encountered are sunk and leaving the fact as to whether they have disregarded promises for others to find out and prove. If Dr. Zimmermann was able to cover up in some way all the facts which surround the cruiser warfare of the German submarines he might be able to insist that his position is the correct insist that his position is the correct one, but that he is unable to do, and the long list of vessals which has been sent to the bottom without warning and with the loss of life provides evi-

by the action which was taken in a number of states in the last election. That revealed a growing sentiment for prohibition, new states were added to the "dry" list-and an increased sentiment was recorded in others, a single city in one state being the only ob-stacle to the enactment of such a law in one of the big states of the middle

been given to the work in behalf of prohibition by the action which has been taken in European countries which are involved in the war. There, for the sake of improving conditions, the use of liquor has been forbidden. France has recently made more restrictive the regulations that were long ago adopted and such a course is even being hinted as a possibility in England. It is therefore but natural that the matter should receive more attention in this country. National prohibition is one of the mat-ters upon which no stress is being placed by the administration at Washington and it is entirely possible that it will be one of the things upon which no vote will be taken at the present

CHANGING THE POSTAL SERVICE It is plainly evident that there is much opposition to the recommendation contained in the report of the postmaster general calling for the abolition of the pneumatic tube de-livery system in the large centers, except possibly New York. Such a system has been installed at much expense. There may be some instances where it is not rendering all the as-sistance in the handling of the mall that was expected but that is not sufficient ground for abandoning it.

Reference is made in the same re

port to the fact that the automobile truck has become available for the transportation of the muil, which cartransportation of the muil, which car-ries with it the intimation that such ing them the way out of their difficul-would be used to replace the tube ties instead of putting puzzling probservice, but an important point is lems in their way which often result raised in this connection when it is in the impairment of both their efficlaimed that the use of the tubes has the congested condition of big city the congested condition of big city streets this is a matter which needs to get proper consideration. There is need of course for getting the best mail service that can be had but it is well to consider that these cities which provided the the control of the three cities which provided the the control of the three can be needed to consider that these cities which provided the three cases a person in this world so bright and the constant of the three cases. meed of course for getting the best mail service that can be had but it is well to consider that these cities which would be deprived of the tube service are not complaining of their use but are on the other hand demanding that they be retained. Such being the case, they be retained. Such being the case, they be retained. Such being the case, they are of the case, they are of the put-saw wood; and many a great general postponement of good pur-saw wood; and many a great general post appears to be justified.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The first big snow of the season, but the verdict that it is beautiful is by no means unanimous.

It will not be long now before there will be plenty of opportunity to work the rust off the snow shovel, There is nothing in these touches of

winter, which causes the icemen to do any worrying. They simply put on more flannels and grin. The man on the corner says: You

can never bank on what you are going than it has been in the past. In one allowed to go undone today. Nothing discloses the success of the early shopping movement like the dec-laration of many that they can never

henceforth get along without it. Carranza wants the date fixed when Pershing will leave Mexico. Is he willing to set a day when the danger of attacks from Villa on the border will

Because he had a recent attack of the grippe will not be the only rea-son for the new British premier sneezing at the Teutonic peace propo-

end?

It is perhaps unnecessary to remark that the "Parking here for 30 minutes" signs do not refer to the Salvation Army members and their Christmas kettles.

With all the claims being made about a mild winter, it is about time for some one to bob up and assert that there is a combination to injure

While the hearing on the paper situation before the federal trade com-mission is underway in Washington, the chance to bring about needed reforms in the Congressional Record ought not to be overlooked.

The treatment which Germany has been according to the Belgians and the Poles and other neutrals, and Turkey to the Armenians and Syrians doesn't Indicate that they have had much interest in the past in relieving the crews will be put down in places suffering humanity, but it occupies a prominent place in the peace ap-

> TO SEE BANGE

#### THE MAN WHO TALKS

Do you get down-hearted. If you are inclined to magnify your troubles just amash your magnifier. No person needs anything which makes matter will put you in the way to be down can dout. You should decline to be the cause of your own inefficiency and your own distress. People who do not have the sense or the energy to sweep the clouds from their minds still need to learn how to live and how to laugh. Good cheer is one of the real assets in life. It makes a man become a good sport or a good Christian. A person who becomes morbid or sour is simply curding the milk of human kindness tiet negative to people who hebitually sow the seeds of blighting suggestions. The other fellows opinion whatever it may be is a better thing to laugh at than to take seriously. Hit the trail for yourself and steer clear of the imprints of Satan.

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

So much is being said now about Good Times, that it is interesting to look back at another era of prosperity in Norwich, the years following the Revolution. After recovering from the first stunning blows of that troublows contest, the local imhabitants took a 'resh and wonderfully favorable start.

The townspeople were not only alert in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but manifered in turning their attention to the various industrial pursuits, but

and with the loss of life provides evidence which cannot be so easily disposed of.

A near philosopher defines marriage as the shortest cut from romance to reality. Of course, this does not seem to be a good definition to those who haven't crossed over; but all the rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we who haven't crossed over; but all the rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we rest of us are compelled to marvel at this fellow's sagacity; and we recognize the compelled to marvel at the fact of the river, defended by her hills and reaping without fear of invasion or loss. Not only built new shops and success in a variety of new manufactors, but again entered into ship-building, and boldly sent out her vessels to bring in spoils from the ocean.

It is natural to assume that this has been thought to be and in others as different from the drawn of youth as is a bed of vases from a crown of thorms, hence the reality may be pleasurable or some thing worse. Swedenborg says: "Two consorts are only one in freaven;" and the rinserests at that period, kept in centinual alarm, almost swept in all the rinserests at that period, kept in centinual alarm, almost over the all the rinserests at that period, kept in centinual alarm, almost over the all the rinserests at that period, kept in centinual alarm, almost of the river, defended by her valleys, planting and reaping without fear of invasion or loss. The triver, defended b consorts are only one in freaven:" and if mates are only one in the home, home becomes like heaven, and the reality may have all the delights of

While a smile is usually taken as an evidence of good nature, there is often more than that in a smile. A smile is more than that in a smile. A smile is no indication that a person would be an agreeable companion or bed fellow. It pays to be on your guard against the possibilities of a close relation with a smiling stranger. A smile, as pleasing as it usually is to any one, is not easy of interpretation. It may be the smile of conceit or contemporation which bodes no good. The emplation which bodes no good. smile that don't come off, once so popular a subject for newspaper writ-ers, is the uninterpretable smile of a graven image. It does not pay to take too much stock in a smile until you have summered and wintered it. A smile and a smirk are first cousins to one another; and they resemble each other as much as first cousins do. Do not be a willing victim to a smile unless you would make yourself cheap. Every smile needs be guaranteed.

The leading educators of this country are condemning in the school system the course of study which not infrequently breaks down the health of hard-working and ambitions children. They believe the place for pupils to study is in school in school hours and that when the work is done they should, have the time to play or to enjoy their homes as any regular-hour workman has. The idea is to have the student work in the atmosphere of the schoolroom and the presence of teachers able to assist in the solving of problems instead of taking studies home and laboring over them where there is no one competent to assist them. Pupils who are interested in their work do not have to be watched by a teacher with a harsh and threat-ening voice and a flesh-stinging rat-tan. The duty of teachers in the 20th century is to awaken pupils to a love of study, not to puzzle them with problems which would wrack the nerves of ciency and their health.

should be correctly answered as possible. This is the parent's opportunity.

The women are so unfamiliar with a man's wearing appared that at the sense in the parent's operation with this extreme policy of watchful waiting that the Senate finally definition to aware that it would be next to impossible to overstock him with suspenders or socks. The men are guilty of the same lack of judgment when they overstoply their female frierds with bon-bons and perfumery in stead of gioves, handkerchiefs or dollars. There are do jbless more useless things bought in December than in any month of the year because the buyers are plungting for favor instead of attempting to be practical or to meet life's necessides. The popularity of gilised punk for Christmos gifts has wand, and the trend is toward the practical. A brush-broom is better the plut; and a silk neckerchief to take his best girl's complexion instead of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and many who chews gum, but whe is practically a his best girl's complexion instead of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and many who chews gum, but whe is practically a his coat of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and the coat of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and the coat of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and the coat of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and the coat of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and the coat of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and the coat of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and the coat of the coat inver comes amiss. The girls should bear these things in mind and the coat of the coat in the coat of the

making militanaires. She does not look any worse that the who chew to look any worse that the women who dip snuff or the men who chew to bacco, who also sustain a great business. In old times gum was chewed because it was a new fad, but in these days it is peprinated for the dysapetic and nedicated for all; and it is chewed in the home, the places of amusement, the churches and also in the trenches, for it has become a necessity among army supplier. And this habit puts fifteen hundred thousand dollars a week into somebody's pockets; and this is not one-fourth as much as is expended for tobacco which is ten times as fiftly and no more satisfying. How can a girl be a good sport if she doesn't chew gum when most of the male sports chew tobacco? We do not commend it, but it is apparent they might be chowing something worse.

People who seem to be lucky and who Fortune appears to be pleased to wait upon are usually equipped with knowledge and a modicum of good sense and caution. They are not the favored of the gods, as the ignorant and superstitious are inclined to believe. Men usually thrive who are fit.

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#### WHEN NORWICH FOUGHT SMUGGLING

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.) erally of a cheaper kind, and not So much is being said now about Good Times, that it is interesting to look back at another era of prosperity in Norwich, the years following the Revolution. After recovering from

we are told, overflowing with mer-chandise, both tropical and European. The records show that, in May, 1782, a very large stock of European goods, In great variety, imported in the brig Firebrand from Amsterdam, was sold by auction at the store of Zabdiel Rogers & Company, at Bean Hill. New merchantile firms were estab-lished including Daniel Rodman. Samuel Woodbridge, Lynde McCurdy and others. Lavish varieties of fancy tex-ture, as well as the substantial pro-ducts of almost every climate were offered for sale.

The shelves and counters of the fashionable class of shops displayed such articles as superfine broadcloths, mers expensive silk hose. India silks, Damascus silks, taffetas, satins, Persians and velvets, blonde lace, gauzes and chintzes. These goods were mostly obtained by successful privateering.

Another class of merchandise gen-

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and to the unfit falls failure or illluck. Those who round up the what's and the why's in life have a way of whizzing to the fore as though everything was greased for the secasion, while those who are in search of softsnaps strike hard lines. It costs something to get into the line of promotion, or to establish a business or social relation which makes things come your way. Everybody who seems to be favored has won out. You can't loll and have luck it takes good judgment to win prizes even at pol-Luck is generally lenarning

#### Sunday Morning Talk

THE FABIAN POLICY.

ration angels in the endeaver to corrupt the world. The first was commissioned to go about with the meassage, "There is no heaven," trying by robbing men of the hope of immortality, to take away their zeal for good works. Some were to be sure, disheartened by the news, but the majority were brave enough to plod on, even if no reward for their labors could be hoped for.

Seth Miner, Thomas Mumford, Nathaniel P. Perkons, Timothy Parker, Asa Peabody, Nathaniel P. Peabody, Joseph Peek.

Andrew Perkins, Jahez Perkins, Jahez Perkins, Jahez Perkins, Jahez Perkins, Jr., Erastus Perkins, Daniel Rodman, Theophilus Rogers, Zabiel Rodman, Theophilus Rogers, Zabiel Rodman, Theophilus Rogers, Zabiel Rodman, Theophilus Rogers, Zabiel Rodman, Tracy, Jr., Mundator Tracy, Samuel Tracy, Jr., Mundator Tracy, Samuel Tracy, Asa Waterman, Jr., Samuel Worlds, 1971.

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quired in the streets of the cities
where pneumatic service is used. With
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The second bad spirit was commissioned to whisper in all men's ears the
words: "There is no hell."
This, too,
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saw wood; and many a great general could not make a success of his campaign if there was not a good cook to sustain him as well as troops. None of us are more than half as important as people think we are. The quizzing shill ought to be respected if he can be beginned to believe it, the effect was not iong in being manifested. There was a general postponement of good purposes. All men were led into deferring the execution of their right resolves, till the world was brought to such a state of perdition that even Satan was

as people think we are. The quizzing child ought to be respected if he seems too ardent to need encouragement, and as many of his questions should be correctly answered as possible. This is the parent's opportunity.

The women are so unfamiliar with a man's wearing appared that at many child waiting that the Senate finally described to the control of the countrymen called the Roman general Fabius Maxims, "Cunctator," or "Delayer," because he was never quite ready for a picked battle with the senate finally de-

rally of a cheaper kind, and not dealt in by honornable traders, but covertly offered for sale in various places, or distributed by peddlers, was obtained by secret and unlawful intercourse with the enemy.

The coast of Connecticut being girdled by Long Island and New York, and the British and Tories having these wholly under their control, it was very difficult to prevent the secret intercourse and traffic of the two parties through the Sound. In the later years of the war especially, a corrupt, underhand, smuggisling trade prevailed to a great extent, which was emboldened by the indifference or connivance of the local authorities, and stimulated by the readiness of people to purchase cheap goods without asking whence they came.

Remittances for these goods must be made in coin: therefore they were sold only for cash, which, finding its way back to the enemy's lines, impoverished the country according to the historian. Thus the traffic operated against agriculture and manufactures, against honest labor and lawful trade. But werst of all, it nullified the laws and brought them into contempt.

The Argesch River Region of Roumania According a war geography builetin issued by the National Geographic Society there are few more picturesque spots in Southeastern Europe picturesque spots in Sou

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Against this illigit traffic a strong association was formed in Norwich, in 1782. The members of the organization bound themselves by solemn pledges of life, fortune, and honor to support the civil authority, to hold no intercourse, social or mercantile, with persons detected in any evading of the laws; to furnish men and boats for keeping watch in suspected places, and to search out and break up all deposits of amuggled goods, such goods to be scized, sold, and the proceeds devoted to charitable purposes.

The vigorous manner in which this The vigorous manner in which this company began to carry out its principles caused great commotion in the ranks of the guilty. Suspected goods sudienly disappeared, sales were poetponed, stock which before had been openly exposed, withdrew into cellars or meal-chests, or was concealed in barns, under the hay, or in hollow trees, thickets, or ravines.

Several seizures were actually made: but the Treaty of Peace soon put an end to this clandestine traffic, so the Norwich association had but a brief existence.

Summing up its morale and effects, the historian says, its object, however, was creditable to the patriotism and efficiency of the inhabitants: and a list of the signers gives us the names of sixty-eight prominent men who were on the stage of life at the close of the War, and all within the bounds of the present town.

The Connecticut Gazette, Vol. 19, contains the following list of those banded under the title of The Associabanded under the title of The Association Against lilicit Trade:
Samuel Abbot, Elijah Eackus,
Ephraim Bill, Jonathan Boardman,
John M. Breed, Shubael Ereed, Samuel Capron, Eliphalet Carew, Joseph
Carow, Simeon Carew, Thomas Coit,
William Coit, John Crary, Jacob DeWitt, Michael, Dumont, Thomas Fanning, Jabez Fitch, Joseph Gale, Joseph Howland, Andrew Huntington,
Eliphalet Huntington, Jonathan Huntington, Joshua Huntington, Levi ington, Joshua Huntington, Levi Huntington, Simeon Huntington, Wil-Huttington, Simeon Functington, william Hubbard. Russell Hubbard &
Son. Ebenezer Jones, Joshua Lathrop.
Rufus Lathrop.
Christopher Leffingwell. Benajah
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Christopher Leffingweil, Benajah Leffingwell, Jonathan Lester, Elihu Marvin, John McCall, Lynde McCurdy, Seth Miner, Thomas Mumford, Na-thaniel Niles, Robert Niles, Timothy Parker, Asa Peabody, Nathaniel P.

Joseph Whitmarsi: Benajah Williams, Joseph Williams, Jacob Witter, Dud-ley Woodbridge, Samuel Woodbridge, Alexander Youngs.

There is no other instance in the history of Norwich where smuggling is referred to: so probably this is the complete story of local effort to cheat the country, at least in such a wholesale and for a time almost scandalous

Following the privations of the early years of the Revolution, and the reaction resulting from rigid self-denial on the part of the townspeople, it is perhaps easy to understand how and why the weaker ones fell into this shady practice—which, happily did not long continue. long continue.

THE DICTAGRAPH.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Knocking the Germ Theory.

THE WAR PRIMER

with when one sails close inshore along the western coast of western Mexico.

"But ere long the plain begins to become green, undulating, pastoral, that delightful piedmont type of country that lies always between the unbroken plain and the rising mountains. Villages and homesteads encompassed with trees dot the surrounding hills, great cornfields are encountered, and every prospect pleases.

"Down to the way stations troop women and girls in their native costumes. If it be summer time they have cherries and fruits to offer the traveler; if it be winter hot drinks and tidbits.

"As one travels on the reflection

ridbits.

"As one travels on the reflection cannot be escaped that Roumania is a land of wells, for they are to be seen everywhere, most of them with a forked stick set up and surmounted by a long sweep. Few force pumps are to bee seen, for Roumania peasant-land gets along still with the primitive equipment America used a hundred years ago, and above all it is a land of "the old oaken bucket" still.

"In the heart of this region lies the

'In the heart of this region lies the village of Argesch, once the proud capital of Wallachia, but now content in normal times of peace, to be the queen city of a beautiful little valley. There are encountered the ruins of the ancient castle of Radu-Negru, the founder of Wallachia. In the thirteenth century he removed his castle from Kim-

polung to Argesch.
"The town is richly endowed with interest by the ecclesiastical role it played in the earlier centuries of Wallachian history. Here is a cathedral which is the pride of Roumania. It stands at some distance from the fown, hare upon the ground, without setting, but none the less grand and imposing. It was restored and rededicated to the worship of the Most High in 1517. worship of the Most High in 1517, A. D., on which occasion the patriarch was assisted by five archbishops and nearly a thousand priests.
"But the magnificence of the struc-

"But the magnificence of the struc-ture had entirely overtaxed the reve-nues of the Wallachian treasury avait-able for ecclesiastical purposes, and it was only by the munificence of Mi-litza daughter of the King of Serbia, and wife of the King of Wallachia, who gave her jewels to the cause, that it could be completed.

"War seems supremely out of place

Elihu case, and were given in milk, water, bread, cheese, meat, head cheese, fish,

To many unthinking persons who are blessed with the idea that all medical wisdom emanates from the dead walls of the Rockefeller Institute the above will be somewhat of a revelation.

December 21st announces today that its depositors have the privilege of withdrawing their accounts on or after December 20th, for Christmas shopping and yet may share the interest. Ordinarily, accounts so withdrawn would interest to the privilege of withdrawing their accounts on or after December 21st announces today that

Humphreys' Seventy-seven For Grip, Influenza

# **ALWAYS NEW**

By reading each week the ext under the above caption, you can learn something about the treatment of Colds, and how to "break up a Cold"also how to avoid taking Cold. "Seventy-seven" is for sale at all drug stores, 25c., or

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the Argesch Valley, and whoever has travelled through that valley and has beheld its simple peasant folk bright sunny, industrious, will regret the desolation and the consternation that war brings to such a people."

#### OTHER VIEW POINTS

The President will push along his railroad legislation, if possible during the present short term, but how suc-cessful he may be remains to be seen He cannot spring the scare of a threa! to strike upon Congress, for that would hardly work a second time, but he may have some other persuader up his sleeve to be used upon occasion. There may be bills introduced by others or the same subjects, and conflicts are not impossible. In the next Congress the possibility of impending adminis-tration legislation will be much greater than in this, and therefore it is prob-able that President Wilson will wish to put his program through as soon as possible and before the new Congress convenes.—Bridgeport Standard.

The fines imposed for a special of gambling, following the work of the state police in small towns through-out th estate, is one of the reasons for the existence of the state police Possibly in time the state will furnish justices of the peace, the same as they furnish officers, to impose fines and take the fees in that connections. tion. The state police method was brought about by the fact that communities are peculiar inasmuch as lo-cal tendency is to wink at the law Every community knows what is going on in its midst, but the fear of enforcing the law by local officials permits a certain state of affairs to exist. It seems to be overlooked however, when fines are imposed and a certain profit is partaken of along the lines men-tioned.—Middletown Press,

Frank Healey having announced hi intention of again capturing the speakership of the house, it is up to the members to announce their determination to select some one else Little Widnsor Locks has swayed Connecticut quite long enough. It is a plain political case of the tail was ging the dog, and it is not an edifying one of the people who genuinely care about their state and the figure it cuts in the world of affairs. There it cuts in the world of affairs. There are any number of men more capable than Healey of filling the speakership with ability, fairness and satisfaction. Why not give them a chance especially as any one of the other aspirants has done much more good for the Republican party than the persistent candidate from the wilds of Windsor Locks.—Bristol Press.

One of the local savings banks having its semi-annual interest due

lation.

In the autobiography of Andrew D. White is to be found this very significant paragraph: Count Muenster, the head of the delegation representing Germany at the first Peace conference at The Hague, in a conversation with Mr. White said that bacteria, microbes and disease germs were all a modern humbus. Count Muenster as one of the leading scholars of Germany was in a position to know something about the development of medical science in his own country. He had no apparent interest in maintaining the germ theory which has become the source of some distinct of the sum of so much official positions and good salaries among the medical profession.

A. W. DAVIS.

Norwich, Dec. 15, 1916.

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Norwich as become the source of buying and selling. At of Bridgeport is benefited by the business of Christmann and the business of Christm



NORWICH ELECTRICAL CO., 42 Franklin St.